



Harmony House News

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Dear Friend of Harmony House,



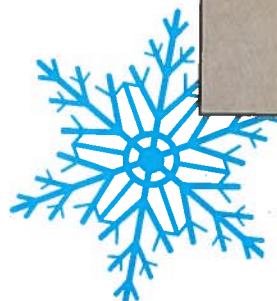
Several Chicago firefighters found a tiny kitten sprawled on the street, limp and barely moving. Thinking the kitten might have been struck by a car, we had the firefighters rush him to our veterinarian for emergency care. Arya was in severe pain, covered in fleas, and had almost no use of his legs. When x-rays showed no apparent fractures, he was started on multiple antibiotics and pain medicines hoping that the lack of motor function might be due to infection. The vet had no idea if this kitten would even survive that first night.

Within a few days, Arya began to scoot himself along on his belly and by the end of the week began to take a few wobbly steps. Arya was evaluated by a veterinary neurologist and prescribed acupuncture treatments and daily exercises to strengthen all four legs. As his pain and infection subsided, he started playing with cat toys and exploring his room in foster care. We have no idea what he has endured in his short little life, but he is not giving up and we cannot give up on Arya. His vet bills are already mounting, and he still has a long road ahead to help him gain more mobility. Please donate to give Arya the best chance at a normal life, and to care the next injured cat or kitten in need.

We are so grateful to your generosity throughout the year. It is because of you that we can rescue stray cats, provide them with veterinary care to recover, and place each of them in loving homes. Please help this holiday season in any amount that you can. Your gift will be put to immediate use to pay vet bills, food, litter, and keep the shelter doors open for more cats in need this winter. May 2018 bring joy and harmony to you and your loved ones.

With heartfelt thanks,

Ann Dieter
President
Harmony House for Cats



Felines & Valentines

Saturday, February 3rd, 1-4 pm

2914 N Elston, Chicago, IL 60618

Free Admission

Pucker up at our Kitty Kissing Booth, savor a glass of wine, enjoy decadent goodies dipped in our chocolate fountain, and visit with all the cats and kittens. Shop for Harmony House t-shirts and sweatshirts, handcrafted jewelry, Valentine decorations and gifts, fleece pet blankets, Chicago's finest catnip pillows and mats, and homemade baked goods. Winners for the Bag Raffle and Tails of Hope Raffle will be drawn at 4 pm.



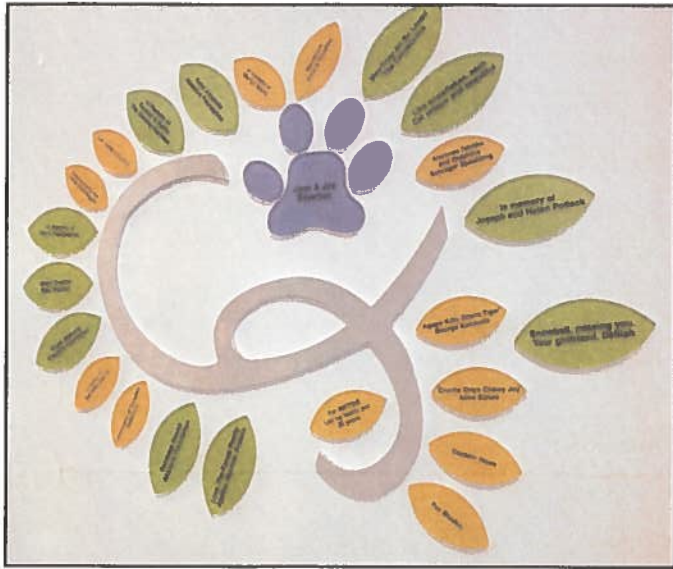
Paws for Celebration - 2018 -

Save April 28, 2018 on your calendar and join us at Ridgemoor Country Club for this elegant event. More details coming in January!

2018 Harmony House Ad Book

Place an ad in our 2018 Harmony House Ad Book. Create a full color ad to promote your business, to honor the memory of a loved one, to celebrate a birthday, anniversary or other special occasion. If you do not have an ad already designed, you may submit copy, and our art director will design one for you. Visit our website for the Ad Book Order form, and to view the 2018 Ad Book for ideas about creating your own ad. Payment and ad copy are due on Friday, March 2, 2018.

Harmony House Family Tree



Add your name or the name of someone you hold dear to our Family Tree with your gift of \$500, \$1000, \$5000 or \$10,000. Our Family Tree symbolizes the generosity and compassion that

nurtures and protects the cats of Harmony House. Additional Yellow Leaf tiles, Green Leaf tiles, Blue Water tiles and Lilac Paw Print tiles are still available. Visit our website to order a tile online, or contact the shelter for a brochure. New tiles are engraved and installed every three months as new inscriptions arrive.



2017 Whisker Kisses Raffle Winners

- 1st Prize: \$300 Cash – Mildred Krisik
- 2nd Prize: \$150 Cash – Pam Eckhoff
- 3rd Prize: \$75 Cash – Karen Detro
- 4th Prize: \$50 Cash – Paul Lisnek
- 5th Prize: \$25 Cash – Kathryn Mikel

Congratulations to all our winners! Furry hugs from the cats to everyone who purchased raffle tickets.



Bequests to Harmony House

Remember Harmony House in your will so that your love of animals will live on. An unrestricted bequest will allow Harmony House to use your gift wherever the funds are most needed at the time. We suggest the following language in wills:

"I give and bequeath the sum of \$_____ to Animal Protective Association's Harmony House for Cats, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation located at 2914 N Elston, Chicago, IL 60618 to be used for its general charitable purposes. The organization's federal tax identification number is 23-7137725."

OR

"I give and bequeath _____% of my estate to Animal Protective Association's Harmony House for Cats, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation located at 2914 N Elston, Chicago, IL 60618 to be used for its general charitable purposes. The organization's federal tax identification number is 23-7137725."

It is recommended that you consult an attorney when you write or amend a will so that the document conforms to the laws in the state where you reside. If you previously named Harmony House as a beneficiary in a will or trust listing our 3809 N Kedzie address, please update the document to our new shelter location at 2914 N Elston.

Harmony House Has Received a Tribute Donation...

In Honor of:

Cat-lover extraordinaire JENNIFER HENDERSON's 40th birthday – Michael and Toietta
TOSTADA – George Kacouris
JOY JOY and TIGER – George Kacouris
BREYLIN's birthday – George Kacouris
All of the wonderful cats, past and present, at Harmony House – Brianna Liebling
A big Thank You to the YARD SALE TEAM! – Marla Gutknecht
HARLEY and BLUE BEAR – Edith T. Gilmore
SWEETIE – Jean Berryman
PROF. FRUMBLES – Darius Lisowski
PHOENIX, a rescue cat – Nancy Mason
TRUSTY – Dorothy Turner
DUSTY RAINBOLT – Weems Hutto
BING, PIP and MERRY – Carolyn Johnson
TIARA, MR. STRIPES and FRECKLES – Karen Pollack
BEAR – Vicki Cannizzaro
GOAT and GOOSE TUREK – Enjoy your new home. Love, Aunts Karen and Linda
YANA – Carol J. Meal
CLARK – Kimberly Kohls
TRIGGE – Gloria and Bill Sedlacek
All the kitties seeking forever homes – Frank, Irene and Suzy
TOASTER – Allison Cosnowski

In Memory of:

MARYLOU F. GUTHRIE – Sharon and Thad Pellino
LAURA KATHERINE WAKEFIELD – Susan Cochran
LAURA KATHERINE WAKEFIELD – Karen and Mark Johnson
LAURA WAKEFIELD – Douglas Anderson

LAURA WAKEFIELD – Muriel "Kerry" Little
KING – Yuliya Khoper
SAMMY – James Castelli
Tina Lawson and her sister Julianna Miranda's kitty, ELVIS – Marla and Dan Gutknecht
Misty Castaldi's brother FRANK, who loved all animals. Love, Marla and Dan Gutknecht
The McWhorter's kitty, ARNOLD – Marla and Dan Gutknecht
Sherry Lofton's kitty, OLIVER – Marla and Dan Gutknecht
STUART LAKIND – Patty Thoresen
NICK – Tuan Bui
TANGO, my gentlest cat – Elizabeth Harvey
My beloved KEIKA 1985-2004 – Elizabeth Harvey
My "plushy" PICKLES 1986-2004 – Elizabeth Harvey
MAESTRO – Pam Pipkin
VASHKA (aka Spazz) – Our time together was far too short, but SO much fun. Your crazy antics always made me smile. We miss you and will never forget the love and joy you brought us. – Pat and John
Pat Vesper and John Andres' kitty, VASHKA – Marla and Dan Gutknecht
LAURENCE, the sweetest kitty in the world. We miss you so much. – Marla and Dan Gutknecht
LAURENCE GUTKNECHT – Still by far the most adorable kitten I have ever seen. – Pat Vesper
Marla and Dan's "life of the party" beautiful kitty Laurence. Thank you for giving him a loving home. – Larry and Yvonne Meyer
Annette and Harry's sweet cat MAX. How fortunate when the three of you found each other at Harmony House - Larry and Yvonne Meyer

RUSTY – George Kacouris
MAX FERRARO – George Kacouris
MARLON – Michael Jarosz
SADIE JOHNSON – Julie Marx
RUDY – Jean Berryman
HELEN and JOE POLLACK – Karen Pollack
ROLAND BRANDT – You will always be in Lisa's, your family's and Peanut's heart forever. Love, Marla and Dan Gutknecht
MOSES – Ronni Bogle and Julio Cordero
LARA and LIBRA – Teresa Coutre'
BARBARA PANKOW – a champion for all animals. Your sister, Jo Ellen
JULIE – John R. McNamara, and cats AJ and Shadow
HUEY (2001 Harmony House alum) – Steven and Joann Butters
MR. KITTY, one of the sweetest, kindest cats we have ever had. He was always a gentle soul. – The Andersen Family
GLORIA TOBIN, my mom. "To love and be loved is the greatest happiness of existence." – Kathy Tobin
CASIE – Kimberly Kohls
PUDDY, PEANUT and PUNKY – Mary Cumerford
ELLEN and BILL WOLTMAN – Lori and Gordon Woltman
DERVISH and SHADOW – Anita Giardino
PEPPER – Carol Krawczyk
TRIXIE – Gloria and Bill Sedlacek
MICHAEL RIEDERER – Max McKenna
SPENCER – Cynthia Riedl
THOMAS 2001-2016 – Mary Thrasher

This newsletter features tributes received 7/8/17 – 10/12/17. Tribute donations received after Oct 12th will appear in our next newsletter.

35th Annual Walk for Cats

Thank you to all the fabulous walkers who participated in the 2017 Walk for Cats, and the many volunteers who helped the day of the event. Tau rode on her mom's shoulder in style and enjoyed meeting all the people and dogs participating in the Walk. Furry hugs to our event sponsors: Portage Park Animal Hospital & Dental Clinic, North Center Animal Hospital and Ravenswood Animal Hospital. Every walker received a 2017 Walk t-shirt designed by artist Nicolette Ross.

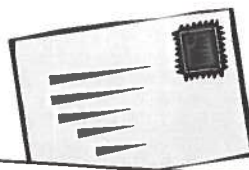


Become a Volunteer!

The cats need your help. Cleaning volunteers are welcome seven days a week, learn how to groom the cats on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, represent Harmony House at an Outreach event or assist with one of our Open Houses. There are activities to match every schedule. Children 5-17 can participate in the Grooming and Socialization program on Tuesdays and Thursdays 6-8 pm when accompanied by a parent. Every new volunteer must attend an orientation session. Sign up online, or call for upcoming orientation dates.



Tales from Home



Hi Harmony House,

We just wanted to give you a first week update of our sweet boy, Disney. Disney was very anxious when we first brought him home from Harmony House but calmed down dramatically after 24 hours. He is a total cuddle bug that loves to sit on our laps while we watch tv. He also loves to sleep in bed with us at night, usually preferring to lie directly on top of our chests. He has been very friendly to the few friends we have had over, coming up for pets and offering licks. He is very playful and loves his mouse toy from the shelter that we attached to one of those cat toy wands. He has already been spoiled with lots of new toys. He is a wonderful cat and we love him very much! Thank you, Harmony House, for taking such good care of Disney.

Lily and Annika



Hi Friends at Harmony House,

We just wanted to let you know we are happy in our new home, we love terrorizing our downstairs neighbor when we play "cops and robbers". Apparently, she doesn't have an appreciation for the pitter patter of kitty feet. Billy Goat is happy to have a bigger space to run and Goose (formerly Sybil) likes to check out EVERYTHING in her new home. Thank you for taking great care of us and helping us find a home with a human to make our lives easier. Street living was not becoming to our standards of cat life.

Luv, Billy Goat and Goose Tavern

Hello!

Chester (formerly Captain Esteban) adjusted perfectly to his new home and his new cat parents. He spends his days sitting in his custom-build cat window seat, napping in his chair, and cuddling with his cat parents. At nights, Chester comes alive and loves chasing around his mice toys, playing fetch with his favorite felt mouse, and basically turning any object that moves even slightly into a toy. Chester is sure to bring at least 3 mice into our bed each night while we sleep to make sure we're well fed. We couldn't be more in love with our little guy, and he seems to be quite happy with his new home. Thank you for bringing such a perfect, little cat into our family for us to love.

Ann

